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Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

RE:

Application of Swiftel, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services and for Local Service Offerings to be Regulated in Accordance with Procedures Authorized for NewSouth Communications in Order No. 98-165 in

Docket No. 97-467-C Docket No.: 2008-428-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

As your records will reflect, this firm represents the Applicant in the above captioned matter. On behalf of the Applicant I would herewith request an extension of a period of an additional sixty (60) days from May 18, 2009, in which the South Carolina Public Service Commission might conclude this docket. The Applicant expressly waives the requirement that its application be determined within a period of 120 days. The Applicant has been working with the Office of Regulatory Staff to resolve the issues remaining in the docket. While the parties are working to schedule a hearing in this matter prior to the existing deadline, time does not permit a final order to issue within the existing deadline. Therefore, the additional time will prove necessary to complete the docket. The Office of Regulatory Staff does not object to the extension requested herein.

If the Hearing Examiner, counsel or you have any questions, please do not he sitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Elliott & Elliott, P.A. At a Collection

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